



# N.H. Felt Organization

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Nathaniel H Felt lived an abundant and fruitful life of service to his family, church and community. Although he is not a "famous" figure in the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he is a fine example of someone willing to sacrifice almost everything for the causes he loved most. Born at Salem, Massachusetts in 1816 he got a liberal start in an environment that seemed to groom him for a prosperous future. Mr. Felt was one of Brigham Young's closest associates, and was entrusted with Young's daughter Vilate in 1844 (Vilate was sent to Salem for educational opportunities). From his service as pastor of London, a defender of Nauvoo, as an active emigration agent in the United States and Europe, as Conference President in St. Louis, to his calling as Assistant Presiding Bishop and many other assignments, Nathaniel Felt made his mark on the Restoration. Now his many descendants dedicate this website to his memory and legacy.



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Date: June 27, 2004

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Salt Lake Seventeenth Ward Building, 225 West 500 North, SLC

- **Bring A Pot-Luck Dessert (No Kitchen Will Be Available)**

- 6p - 6:45p Visiting

- 6:45p Invocation & Business

- 7:00p Short Family Play or Guest Speaker

- 8:30p Graveside Hymn and Benediction

Nathaniel Henry Felt raised his family in a three-story adobe house at the geographic center of the east side of block 5 of the Seventeenth Ward (see drawing). The Church's Conference Center now stands there. The Felt home passed from Nathaniel to his son Charles Brigham Felt who moved from there about 1911 when the property was sold for a 62 unit apartment building. As recently as April 2004 no living member of the family knew of a picture or photograph depicting the house. On June 27, 2004 Brother David Marsh of Church Ciriculum showed us one of several photos that he researched. It was a very fine house to be sure. The notion of the house being 3-story is intriguing unto itself. Since Nathaniel, Eliza Ann, Joseph Henry, Preston, Maggie and Johnny stayed in their wagon



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and a tent the first winter (1850-51) we think there was no house there to precede them. 3-stories would have been similar to the brick house Nathaniel, Eliza Ann and Joseph Henry left in Salem, MA in 1845. One wonders where Nathaniel Felt would have gotten resources to build such a home in 1851 since we think he spent much of his own means helping others in need. It is assumed, therefore, that the house was added to as resources became available.

The fact that Nathaniel Henry Felt was given the lot he received in the 17th Ward denoted some level of honor from the First Presidency who evidently appreciated his work in St. Louis on their behalf. Heber C. Kimball's estate was immediately across the street, and many members of the Quorum of the Twelve were also located within only a few blocks of the Felt Family home.

In Feb 2004, Jonathan C. Felt returned to the 17th Ward to discover it was celebrating another Jubilee anniversary of their Sunday School. A time capsule dating back to 1904 was opened and many interesting items could be seen bearing family names of the time period. Descendants of Charles Brigham Felt have assisted me in gathering together many items to help us better understand the Felt Family's place in Church and Utah history.

## New Biographies Available Now



**Charles Brigham Felt**



**Georgena Spencer Felt**

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# Current Projects

## #1 Replace the Family Marker in the Cemetery



The marker needs to be replaced! It's fading inscriptions do not represent our family's undying respect and love for Nathaniel Henry, Eliza Ann, Sarah, Polly and all of NHF's departed descendants. The cost would be relatively high if one family unit were to pay for it, but there are 546 living heads of household (1,500 to 2,000 individuals) that descend from NHF down to the 5th generation. There are many more young families being created every month in the 6th and 7th generations. There is no reason why we can not find the funds to replace our marker.

Note: The Hyrum Smith Family with only 600 living descendants in the early 20th Century erected a very large monument not far from our plot. It is only necessary for us to erect a monument that equals the original monument's size and design, but granite should be used instead of sandstone. Perhaps also we should acknowledge NHF's third wife Polly buried in another part of the Cemetery (Polly's numerous progeny remains solidly loyal to Nathaniel and comprises more than half of all NHF's living descendants born with the last name Felt).

## #2 Nathaniel Felt House and Salem Family Heritage Center

Take a look around the Salt Lake Cemetery when you get a chance and you'll see dozens upon dozens of worthy pioneers that deserve our thanks and admiration. You probably descend from many of them since great daughters from families like Cannon, Glover, Spencer, Speirs, Clark, Hanks, Ellerbeck, Dahlquist, Toronto, and West etc have joined with us down through the generations. Many pioneer families have disbursed and are no longer active with reunions. Indeed our own Felt forefathers and foremothers wondered the same thing about us in 1933.

*"While we are growing in numbers, we realize that only a few of the (second generation) are still with us...Recent years have rapidly diminished this number. Will coming generations continue these family gatherings and perpetuate this custom, or will there develop the usual drifting away and apart of this noble and respected family, bearing the name of Felt which carries such religious, social and civic prominence in American and Utah history?" -- Nathaniel H. Felt Family Association - 5 Aug 1933*

On 22 June 2003 we met again for the first time in many years representing the entire Nathaniel Henry Felt Family, and we had a great purpose in doing it. NHF himself asked us to convene at the Cemetery on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of his dear Eliza Ann's death (19 June 1875). It was Nathaniel who led the way starting in 1876, and the Nathaniel Henry Felt Memorial Day was faithfully carried on until about 1950. Last year we started anew and to our collective delight, we learned the details of a very important project in Salem, Massachusetts that will soon be under way in earnest. We believe Nathaniel would be very pleased to know his house once located at #10 Liberty Street in Salem will be used for the benefit of all mankind since he was heavily invested in studying the genealogy of his own ancestors (our ancestors). The Felt name did then and does now reflect a noble heritage on the earth among good men and women.

Very soon now, we will be called on to help bring about the beginning of the Nathaniel Felt House and Salem Family Heritage Center in Salem, Massachusetts. We will mostly donate money, but other opportunities will be available to us. Locally in Utah, our efforts will be coordinated through Mormon Historic Sites Foundation

[Join Mormon Historic Sites Foundation to Preserve the Nathaniel H. Felt House in Salem, MA](#)



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The Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA owns and operates the house where NHF and family once lived. From 1843 to 1844 many leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were welcome guests there including Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff and Erastus Snow. The house was located at #10 Liberty Street, but was moved at great expense to #26 Charter Street by the museum and is underwent significant preservation type repairs. [For more information click here for the article found in LDS Church News](#)



A Family History Center is one proposed use for the property, but no plan has been approved or funded by any organization yet. However, a well-known foundation is seriously considering the project along with the Salem museum mentioned above. I have personally been in contact with both. As a family organization we can help too. Nathaniel Felt has approximately 300 living great grandchildren and nearly 1,000 great great grandchildren. More later.



### #3 N H Felt Descendants Census

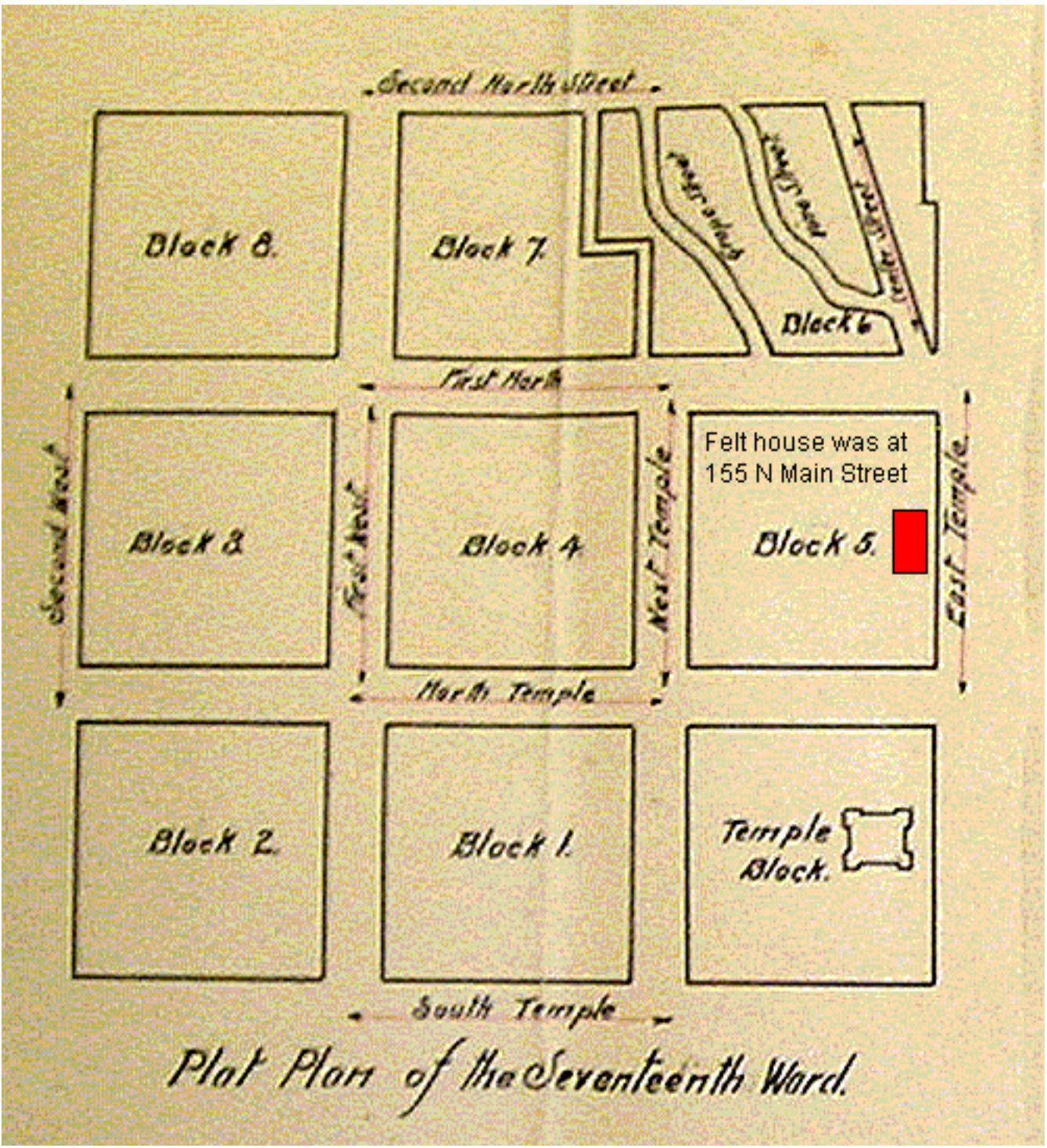
If you haven't heard from me lately, I promise you will soon. I am actively seeking information about the adult members of the family. It's important to know the number of minor children, but no personal information about the children will be solicited.

Nathaniel H Felt - "Thou shalt have a numerous posterity; they shall grow up and be very healthy and they shall continually increase so that they cannot be numbered." Patriarchal Blessing - June 30, 1845 - Note: At the time, Nathaniel Felt and Eliza Ann Preston Felt had exactly 1 living child. Today his descendants number more than 4,000.

9/12/2003 Census Estimates

The Nathaniel H. Felt Family consists of:

- Children = 17 (4.35 children per descendant)
- Grandchildren = 73 (2.5 children per descendant)
- Great Grandchildren = 185 (3.5 children per descendant)
- II Great Grandchildren = 647 (502 are now identified by name; I will guess 2.5 children per descendant)
- III Great Grandchildren = 1,617 (649 are now identified by name; I will guess 2.0 children per descendant; There are still 15% of this generation unborn)
- IV Great Grandchildren = 3,234 (only 25% of this generation is now on earth)
- Total = 5,774



Felt house was at  
155 N Main Street



Plat Plan of the Seventeenth Ward.